



(LEFT TO RIGHT) MSWCC STAFF MEMBERS PATRICK VOWELL, LEE MIDDLETON AND BRAD SHEDD ASSEMBLE A CAMERA EQUIPPED TO EXAMINE THE INSIDE OF A DRAINAGE PIPE. EQUIPMENT SUCH AS THIS DEVICE ARE AVAILABLE AS PART OF THE AGENCY'S REVOLVING LOAN FUND.

Revolving Loan Fund (Equipment Loans)

The Commission's Revolving Loan Fund, which was created in 1991, enables the soil and water conservation districts to purchase equipment to be made available to landowners for the installation of soil and water conservation practices.

Loans are made for a period of five years with semi-annual payments at an interest rate of 3.5 percent. Over the past 9 years, 60 of the 82 soil and water conservation districts have participated in the Revolving Loan Fund program.

Equipment valued at more than \$1.7 million has been purchased through this program, which includes 52 John Deere no-till drills.